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MARSHALL PLAN PASSES SENATE

Overwhelming Vote At A Midnight Session Dramatic End To Eleven Hours Of Debate

Washington, Mar. 14. The Senate today approved the first US\$5,300,000,000 authority for the history-making European Recovery Plan early today by a resounding 69-17 roll call vote.

Voting began at two minutes before midnight on Saturday night before galleries jammed with spectators. The result was announced at seven minutes past midnight after a careful double check of the vote.

The action, which sent the measure to the house, came in a dramatic night session after more than 11 hours of debate. Advocates said that it offered the best chance of saving 16 Western European countries from Communism.

Opponents attacked the measure as a costly outlay which might undermine American economy and permit Russia to shove its iron curtain to the shores of the Atlantic.

With galleries packed to capacity, a score of Senators took the floor to praise or condemn the 62-month programme for helping friendly nations help themselves.

The measure, which authorises funds for the first year's operation from April 1, faces new assaults in the House. Passage there is expected. But strong efforts may be made to reduce the dollar outlay and to add other foreign aid funds to the bill.

The authorisation measure left the Senate without substantial change from the form in which it was introduced by Chairman Vandenberg of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Connally, the ranking Democratic member of that Committee.

Amendments Rejected. Time after time, Vandenberg took the floor to call for the rejection of amendments which would have effected major changes in the bill. On each occasion he mustered sufficient votes from both sides of the aisle to win handily.

The bill faced its biggest test on Friday night when Senator Robert Taft offered an amendment to reduce the 12-month authorisation to US\$4,000,000,000. This was defeated 56 to 31. Vandenberg steered the bill over two more formidable hurdles on Saturday.

One would have established a new veto proof international agency by nations pledged to resort to armed force to beat off aggression and "subversion." The other would have established a world reconstruction finance corporation.

In going to the House, the Senate measure clashes with a single "package" foreign relief plan worked out by Republican leaders.

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PICTURE OF THE DAY In A Hurry



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Woman Spy's Appeal Rejected

Peiping, Mar. 14. An appeal for the retrial of Chin Pien, alias Yoshiko Kawajima, who was sentenced to death for spying for the Japanese, was turned down yesterday by the First Criminal Court of Hopei High Court.

After a night-long perusal of the contents of her appeal, the chief judge, Mr. Chang Chung-ten, and Judges Lu Wei-feng and Chang Jao-jen, issued a joint statement refusing to accept this "new evidence" presented by the woman spy.

The statement said that her claim to have served as commander in chief of the North China militia forces was not substantiated and that no evidence to the contrary had been uncovered by the prosecution since the trial.

As for her contention that she had, during the Japanese occupation, been instrumental in saving many lives, the statement declared that it was peculiar that this contention was not advanced when she was first tried.

Even if it should be true, the statement concluded, such individual acts of kindness could not have any influence in her favour.—Reuter.

Thirty Killed In Plane Crash

Anchorage, Alaska, Mar. 13. The badly shattered wreckage of a Northwest Airlines four-engine charter plane that crashed into the side of towering Mount Sanford last night with 30 passengers and crew aboard was located today at the foot of a glacier.

Search and rescue planes skimmed low through a canyon at an 8,000 foot level and reported that there was "no possible chance of survival."

BLACK DAY FOR NANKING

Communist Successes

Shanghai, Mar. 14. With reverses reported from four widely separated fronts the Chinese Nationalist Army yesterday experienced one of its blackest days in the 20-year-old Civil War.

In Manchuria, although Nationalist units are still holding an isolated bridgehead at Szeepingkai, they have lost Kirin and Siao-fengman, with its huge hydro-electric plant. This has opened the way for a full-scale assault against Changchun by General Lin Piao's Red armies—estimated to number over 11 divisions—in northern Liaoning.

The latest pro-Government despatches said that the Communist commander-in-chief, besides using tanks, had thrown Japanese prisoners of war and Korean Communists into battle in an all-out effort to uproot the Government troops still stubbornly clinging to their isolated positions in Szeepingkai.

The official Central News Agency says that Communist forces are "piling high" in front of the Nationalist trenches, but it admits that Nationalist casualties are also heavy.

Semi-official reports said Government troops, in evacuating Siao-fengman, left the hydro-electric dam intact and only dismantled essential equipment from the Siao-fengman plant.

This was done "to save thousands of lives and much valuable property along the Sungari and because of the realization of the difficulties in the way of restoring the nation's productive potential."

The Communist armies have made no further advance towards Changchun in the past 24 hours but are said to be taking up positions around the Manchurian capital to meet any attempt to break out southward by the Government units massed in the sector.

Meanwhile, in West Honan, 60,000 Communist troops of Generals Chen Yi and Chen Kang stormed into the railway city of Loyang last night after five days and nights of fierce attacks and are now engaged in hand to hand fighting in the streets.

The main forces of the guerrillas are reported to have formed several "pockets" in various sections of the city to hold the Reds at bay until the arrival of reinforcements, one column of which is said to have already reached Loyang, only a few miles away.

The garrison commander, in a message to the Central Government, proclaimed his determination to fight "to the last man."

In Shantung Province, 20,000 Communist troops overpowered the defenders of Chouwang, 60 miles east of the provincial capital, Tsinan, and captured this city on the Tsinan-Teiingtao railway.

At the same time, large Red columns have launched simultaneous attacks on Hwantai, 20 miles north of Chouwang and Tzechwan, 20 miles to the south-east.

Shantung Offensive. A renewal of large-scale Communist offensive operations in Shantung Province after three months' lull is held by Government quarters here to aim either at recapturing General Chen Yi's old base in the Yimusan mountains in the heart of Shantung or at disrupting the southern stretch of the Tientsin-Pukow railway and isolating the Government's main Central China base located at Hsuehchow, in North Kiangsu.

On the fourth warfront in Northwest Anhwei, General Liu Po-cheng is reported to be advancing in the railway city of Fengpu, 120 miles south of Hsuehchow after capturing three cities without meeting much opposition.

His operations are regarded as mainly for the purpose of pinning down the Nationalists to give his colleague, General Chen Yi, a freer hand further north.

In Nanking today, a spokesman of the Nationalist government's delegation, which has been conferring with local Government officials during the past few days, told reporters that the mission had achieved "satisfactory" results.—Reuter.

Tacoma Explosion. Tacoma, Mar. 14. Sixteen workers miraculously escaped injury today when an explosion blasted away two sides of a ferro-alloys plant.

The blast was felt throughout the city but damage was confined to the one-story sheet metal building.

Night watchman James O'Leary said the explosion occurred when a defective overhead crane tipped a box of molten ferro-alloys.

The plant's night shift working at the other end of the plant escaped injury because the blast went downward and outward.—United Press.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION. New York, Mar. 14. A mysterious explosion shook the New Jersey metropolitan area early today. The police were unable to trace the source of the blast.

The police received dozens of telephone calls from Elizabeth, Linden and other New Jersey communities reporting "terrific blasts" that rocked houses, but the nature of the explosion was still a mystery.—Reuter.

The Weather. General situation—A steady high pressure is extending from the southwest over China, reaching the Philippines and the East Indies.

Monsoon. A low pressure area, formed off the coast of China, is moving southward, reaching the Philippines and the East Indies.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

"COMMUNISM AN IRON HELMET OVER MINDS"

India Launches First Ship

Calcutta, Mar. 14. Prime Minister, today launched from the Seclunda yards, here the first Indian-built ship, the 8,000-ton cargo steamer Jaha Usha.

Hindu priests chanted hymns from their Scriptures "Invoking the aid of the Almighty and the elements for a long and prosperous career." The Jaha Usha is 115 feet long and 32 feet broad, with a draft of 32 feet. She is powered by a single-screw 2,600 horse-power engine giving her a maximum speed of 10½ knots.—Reuter.

Athens, Mar. 13. A Greek General Staff committee declared today that an Albanian patrol fired on Greek soldiers from Albania but no casualties were sustained. Associated Press.

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PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T TELL YOU THIS, MR. STARLOCK, BUT MADAME WAS CRYING WHEN SHE RUSHED OUT. IT'S THE FIRST WEeping SPELL SHE'S HAD SINCE LITTLE CHANNY ARRIVED!

LOOK, GADDA! NEW DOGGIE!

YES! WHAT CAN BE TROUBLEING ELLEN NOW? SHE HASN'T BEEN HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS! WHY DOESN'T SHE CONFIDE IN ME?

BY ALEX. RAYMOND

SHANGHAI, Mar. 13. The basic appeal of Communism arises out of social problems, and until we solve those social problems we will lose the battle by sheer default." This statement was made to the Catholic Education Conference here by John Melby, Second Secretary of the United States Embassy at Nanking.

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The above Articles are at present located at H. M. Victualling Yard, Kowloon.

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Terms: 50% of Purchase Money on Fall of Hammer and Balance by the following day.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
Hou-z Kong, 20th Feb., 1948.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, on Friday, the 19th March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th March, 1948 to the 19th March, 1948 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

General Managers.

25th February, 1948.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the Company will be held at the head office of the Company, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Monday the 15th March, 1948, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1947, and for the appointment of auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 5th day of March to 15th March, 1948 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. S. YUAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th March, 1948.

R.A.M.C. CORPS. ASSOCIATION.

An attempt to revive the Hong Kong branch of the Association is being made, and a meeting will be held at the British Military Hosp., Bowen Rd., on Friday, 19 March, 1948 at 1800 hrs.

All serving and ex-members of the R.A.M.C. are cordially invited.

B.M.H.
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U.S.R.C.

EASTER DANCE

Will be held on Saturday 27th March.

Tickets now on sale at Club or from Hon. Secretary, Price \$5.00.

Statement on February 28th that tickets for this dance were sold out was INCORRECT; however, TICKETS will be LIMITED.

PLEASE NOTE: Evening Dress or Lounge Suit.

Service Association for the R.A.M.C. Corps. Association.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on Friday, the 2nd April, 1948, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th March to the 2nd April, 1948, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 24th day of March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 10th to the 24th day of March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER CO. (1922) LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-first Ordinary Yearly meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1948, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of Directors for the year ended 30th June 1947, and to transact the Ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. LTD.

I.W. SHEWAN

Director

HONGKONG, 13th March 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 27th and Monday 29th March 1948 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 18th March 1948.

By Order,

S.A. Sleep

Actg. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Australian Subscription Ponies 1949.

The Stewards have ordered a batch of Australian Subscription ponies to race in 1949 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

The Subscription List will close with Wednesday, 17th March, 1948.

Application forms may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

By Order

NOTICE

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING POSTPONED TO 6th APRIL, 1948.

Since further amendments to the proposed new Articles of Association had to be made, it will be necessary to postpone the Extraordinary General Meeting originally called for 15th March, 1948, and

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will be held at the Club House on TUESDAY, 6th April, 1948, at 6 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as a Special Resolution.

"That the Articles of Association adopted by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club by an extraordinary resolution passed on the 25th day of October, 1933, and confirmed as a Special Resolution on the 16th day of November, 1933, be hereby revoked.

FURTHER THAT the Articles of Association, a copy whereof has for identification been signed by the Commodore, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, and by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. S. Coote, and has been open for inspection in the Hon. Secretary's Office since the 12th day of March, 1948, be and are hereby adopted as the Articles of Association of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club."

A copy of the proposed amended Articles signed by the Commodore and by the Hon. Secretary is open for inspection in the Hon. Secretary's Office, Room 152, Gloucester Building.

Copies of the amendments will be circulated to all members.

By Order of the Committee,

F. S. COOTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG CLUB

Notice is hereby given that owing to official arrangements made in connection with the visit to the Colony of Lord Listowel, the Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Club convened for Tuesday the 23rd day of March 1948 at 5.30 p.m., has been postponed to Tuesday the 30th day of March 1948 at the Club House at 5.30 p.m. AND Notice is further given that the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 6 o'clock on Tuesday the 23rd day of March 1948 of which notice has already been given to members will be held in accordance with the said notice but that at such meeting if a quorum be present it will be proposed that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 30th day of March 1948 at the same time and place as previously notified. If no quorum be present at the Extraordinary General Meeting it will stand adjourned to Tuesday the 30th day of March 1948 at the same time and place as previously notified pursuant to Article 62 of the Club's Articles of Association.

By Order of the Committee,

K.W. KIRBY

Secretary

Monday, 15th March, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company have now been appointed Secretaries and Treasurers of the Association, and all communications in connection with its affairs should be addressed to them at Exchange Building, First Floor.

Pre-war members who intend to rejoin, and new members who wish to join the Association, are requested to send their names to the Secretaries and Treasurers at the earliest possible opportunity.

Entrance fee for New Members: \$20.

Annual Subscription:

Car Owners \$35.

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Members who do not own a car or motor cycle may be admitted as Associate Members on payment of \$5.

By Order

RELIEF RICE SALES AND "WORTHY PROJECTS"

Canton, Mar. 13.
The income from the sale of relief rice in Canton will be used for worthy projects wherever they may be located in Kwangtung, Kwangsi or any other part of China. This is pointed out by Mr. H. T. Samson, Director of the United States Government China Relief Mission, Canton.

Mr. Samson emphasizes that the rice has not been allocated to Canton but that it is to be sold here "so as to reduce the need for the imports of rice by Canton from the outlying districts, and to stabilize the price if possible within the city."

Easter Parade Prospects

New York, 13.
The Easter Parade is going to wear the same "Old Look" of 1947, if what retailers say is true.

With Easter coming soon, department stores and specialty shops should be doing more business every day. But not this year. While in most cases there has been an increase in dollar volume, this does not represent greater sales but only higher prices.

A large group of retailers points out that general living costs, particularly food and rent, are the primary factors cutting down sales of clothing and household goods.

There has been an unexplained drop in the sales of electrical appliances. Shoe sales are down but this is because of talk of a forthcoming cut in shoe prices. Washing machines are moving slowly if at all—United Press.

GERMAN REPARATIONS

Berlin, Mar. 13.
Shipment of industrial reparations from the US zone of Germany set a new monthly record in February with the dispatch of 8,727 tons of equipment to 15 nations, the American Military Government announced today.

Western nations received 8,271 tons and Russia, 456 tons.—Associated Press.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

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The relief foodstuffs being procured by the United States Government will be used to meet the rationing scheme in Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping, Tientsin and Canton. Total quantity to be shipped to China will be 125,000 tons.

"The proceeds from the sale of rationed foodstuffs—125,000 tons valued at about US\$22,000,000, together with US\$4,000,000 for medical supplies—will be utilized for different projects which are being submitted by Government and accredited voluntary agencies," Mr. Samson states.

"Grants are to be made only to Government Departments engaged in rendering welfare or health services," he continues, adding that "priority will be given to the support of projects and activities now being carried on and needing immediate support rather than proposals advanced for new undertakings."

After Czechoslovakia and Finland, the Russian aim is not Italy but Turkey. The new Russian Minister for Ankara will not only use a pseudo-friendly policy but will offer sugar which Turkey needs in order to make a moral and material impression.

The resigned Minister will cooperate with other resigned Ministers in Canada and the United States.—United Press.

Repairs To Dykes

Mr. Samson reveals that the Provincial Government, through the Provincial Government Dyke Commission, has already submitted a project for the repair of some 22 dykes for which a total of US\$500,000 is requested. His office, Mr. Samson says, has recommended that this project be approved.

"A number of projects on a national scale have already been approved by C.R.M. and E.Y.C.A.R.S. (Executive Yuan Commission for American Relief Supplies)," Mr. Samson asserts.

"Several of them," he adds, "are medical projects for the control and prevention of such dread diseases as tuberculosis, typhoid and cholera."—Reuter.

Imam Asks Arabs To Send Aid

Cairo, Mar. 13.
Forces loyal to Emir Self Islam Ahmed, son of the murdered Imam of the Yemen, entered the Yemenite capital of Sanaa today, according to a cable received here by the Yemenite representative of the Arab League. The cable was signed by Emir Ahmed.

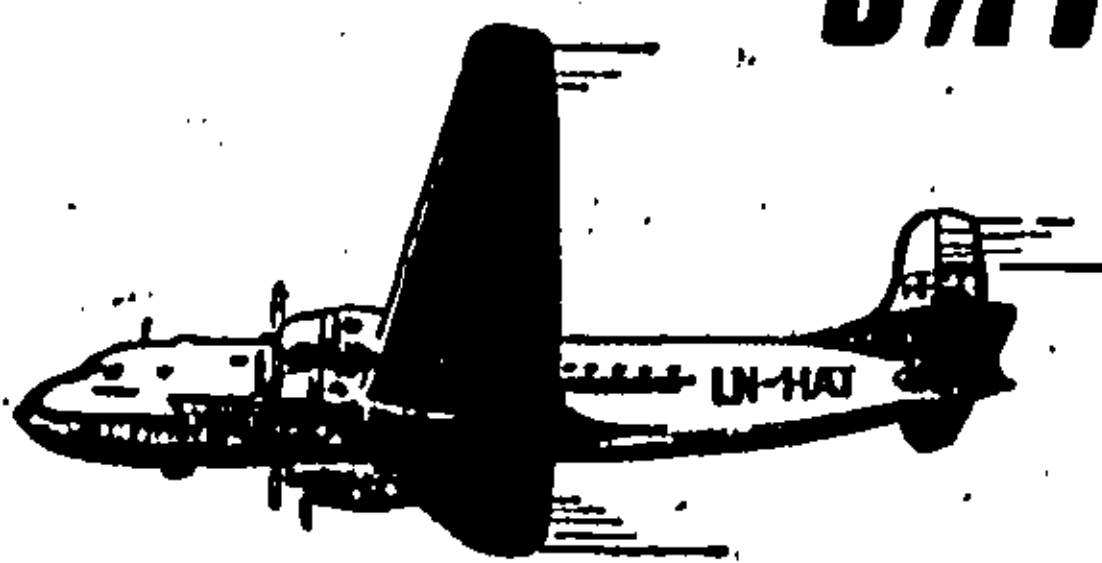
The Egyptian weekly newspaper "Akbar El Yom" today said that Imam El Wazir, the present ruler has called to Arab leaders for urgent help. He said that "savagery" had descended on the capital.

Britain has replied "sympathetically" to communications from the self-proclaimed Imam of the Yemen, but has not yet implied the recognition of either of the two warring factions, a Foreign Office spokesman said in London today.

The spokesman said that there has been several communications from Abdullah El Wazir, passed to the British Embassy in Cairo, but he could not confirm a report from Cairo that an urgent appeal for help had been addressed to Britain and to each of the other Big Four powers by Abdullah El Wazir.

According to these reports, Emir Ahmed was marching on the capital in overwhelming strength. The British spokesman said that if such an appeal had reached Cairo, it had not yet been passed to Lord—Reuter.

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European Union Response Over 150 M.P.s. To Support All-Party Demand: A Lead For Mr. Bevin This Week In Westminster

(By Fraser Wighton, Reuters Political Correspondent)

London, Mar. 13.

More than 150 Members of Parliament by next week will be supporting yesterday's all-party demand for a full European union, leading signatories predicted tonight.

They point out that the original 73 signatures to the resolution were obtained within 24 hours and on the most dead day of the parliamentary week—Friday—when only a proportion of members attend.

It is felt that if something like a quarter of the whole House of Commons membership, representative of all the principal parties, is behind the resolution, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will have all the stimulation necessary for a bold lead on a western union of the Marshall plan nations conference at Paris on Monday.

The sudden accord reached between Labour, rankers and Conservative rankers appears to have been an agreeable surprise to both sides.

Although on the face of it the movement has nothing to do with The Hague United Europe conference in May, it has given hope in some quarters that the Labour Party officials may reconsider its Hague boycott.

This was opposed largely because many of the Party think that a movement of which Mr. Winston Churchill is the leader will not obtain the support of all progressive elements in Europe.

A group of international conferences, all linked with the subject of a European union, will take place in London in the next fortnight. That which is likely finally to endorse or modify the Labour Party attitude is the International Socialist Conference on March 21, which the Socialist organisations of the Marshall countries are attending.

An appendiculus operation will prevent the deputy Opposition leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, from leading an attack on the Government's proposal to abolish university constituencies when the Representation of the People Bill is debated in the committee stage on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Omnibus Bill

This omnibus bill, dealing with numerous electoral issues, has provoked over 200 amendments, 21 of which are signed by Mr. Winston Churchill.

The Government, to end plural voting, has decided to end both

university and business votes. Hitherto, a citizen could exercise both a private vote and a university vote, or a private vote and a business vote.

The Conservatives are arguing not for the retention of plural voting but for the freedom of choice as to which vote an elector should exercise.

"Ginger Group"

Eighty-seven members of Parliament, led by Mr. Geoffrey Bing of the Labour rankers "Gin", are protesting that an anti-partition meeting in London, Northern Ireland, which was to have been addressed by two British M.P.s, Mr. A. J. Mulvey and Mr. Hugh Delaney, has been banned.

They hold this to be a challenge to the freedom of speech. They propose to amend the Electoral Reform Bill that Parliament, if it thinks that "free elections" are impossible in Northern Ireland, should refuse to issue writs authorising the return of Northern Ireland members to the United Kingdom Parliament.

The Government is likely to discourage strongly any attempt to interfere with the functions of a Northern Ireland minister. It is doubtful whether the Speaker of the House of Commons will consider it his duty to call the amendment.

No Red Coup d'Etat For Britain

London, Mar. 13.

The Labour Government is determined that a Communist coup d'etat shall not happen here. So bitter has become the anti-Communist campaign led by Party and government officials that newspapers, politicians and other observers are speculating that the next move may be a "purge" to clear Socialist ranks of "fellow travellers" and Communist apologists.

The campaign has taken on a new urgency with the fall of Czechoslovakia. It by no means indicates any surrender of Socialism's Leftist lines, but it makes it increasingly clear Communism and Socialism cannot live together in Britain.

The coup in Prague was, perhaps, the severest shock the Communists have given the Labour Government. Many British Labour leaders regarded Czechoslovakia as a progressive model of Socialist Democracy.

Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison emphasised the increased campaign against Communism tonight in a prepared speech warning the British people they are facing "the same sort of nightmare of aggression we thought we had banished by disposing of Hitler."

Addressing a meeting of the British Jewellers' Association at Birmingham, he said: "If we demonstrate a working model of a healthy democracy based on a healthy economic, social and political system, the overwhelming majority of mankind will do their utmost to imitate us and to follow our lead."

Then, pointedly, in a tribute to Czechoslovakia's late Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, Morrison said: "His death strikes away forever the pretence that what is going on in Czechoslovakia is anything other than the trampling underfoot of Democracy." Associated Press.

"Blow In The Rear" The political crisis in Czechoslovakia was "another blow in the rear," Mr. Morrison declared, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister had become a martyr for freedom. His name "will live in history as the inspiration of the new resistance movement against the slaveholders. Do not doubt that this movement will in time sweep away the forces of reaction."

Ankara, Mar. 13. Official circles in Ankara today denied reports that Turkey had been asked to enter into a defence agreement with Russia, similar to the alleged Finnish pact. Turkey has not received any Soviet proposal for a defence agreement, it was stated. Reuter.

The Duty Of An Editor

New York, Mar. 13.

Warren E. Austin, chief United Nations delegate today his delegation's stand for a peaceful settlement in Palestine.

It was the third time this week Austin's delegation had officially emphasised that the U.S. is seeking a peaceful way to carry out the plan of the United Nations Assembly for the partition of Palestine.

Austin referred to Palestine in a speech prepared for delivery before young journalists from all parts of the United States attending the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

On the two previous occasions, U.S. delegation spokesman declared America has not changed her stand for partition but is seeking a peaceful way for carrying it out.

Duties Of Editors

The U.S. delegate told the young journalists that an editor or reporter has a sacred obligation not to circulate distorted information, half truths, or wild guesses as news.

He said these are tense times and that making headlines carelessly can jeopardise hopes of building a peaceful future. Associated Press.

CONSCRIPTION IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 13.

The conscription of 6,000 youths between the ages of 20 and 25 is scheduled to begin on April 1st and the authorities announce that those who try to evade the draft will be sent directly to front lines as a punishment.

The threat was said to be necessary because of the rumours that many eligible conscripts are leaving the town until the heat of the army draft is over. Those draftees who fail to report when summoned will be arrested and forced to undergo military training.

To acquaint the public with the aims of conscription a programme of mass meetings is being held. United Press.

HE WORKED FOR DICKENS

London, Mar. 13.

Reputed to be the last living link with Charles Dickens, George Chapman Woolley of Coxtie Green near Brentwood, was 86 today.

He started work as an undergarment at the age of 13 and was in the service of Dickens when the author was writing the "Mystery of Edwin Drood." Reuter.



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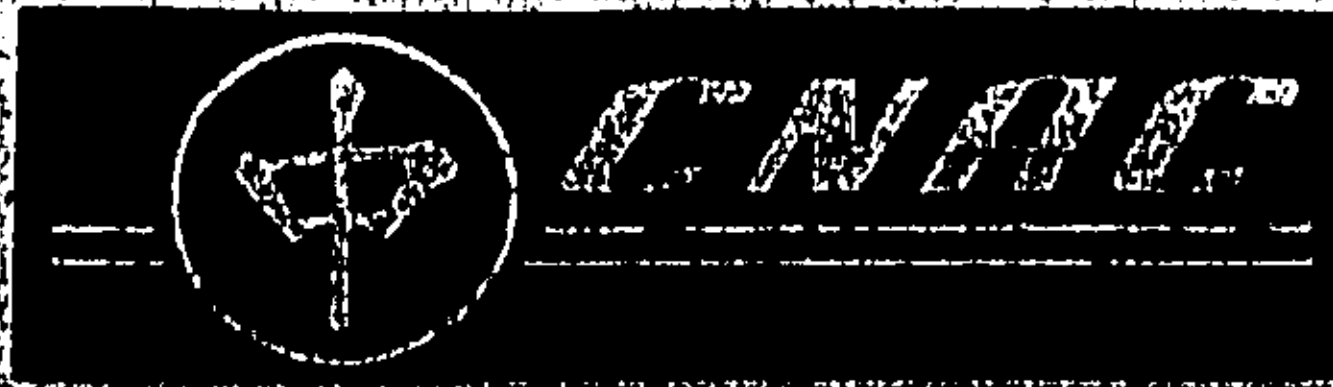
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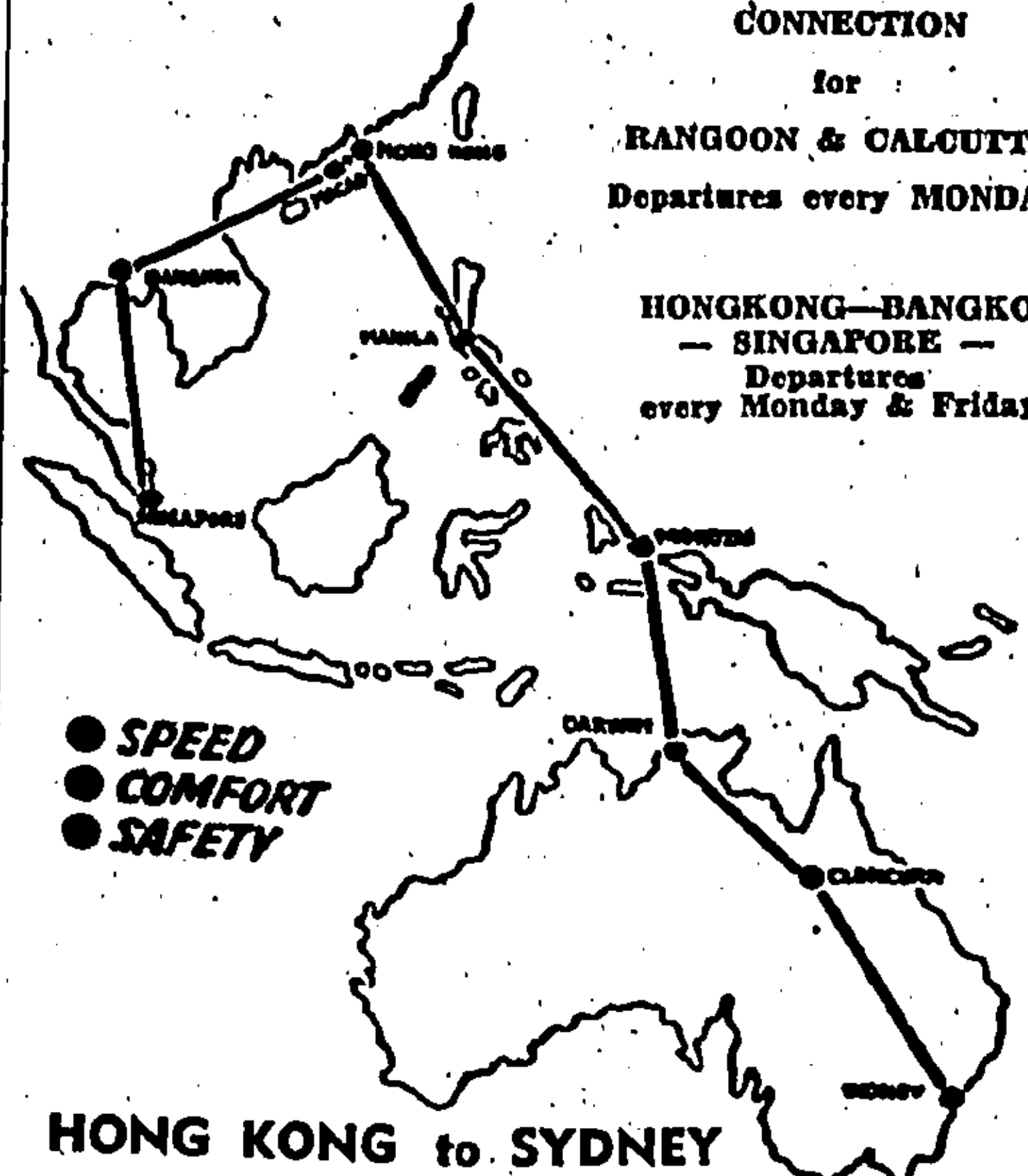
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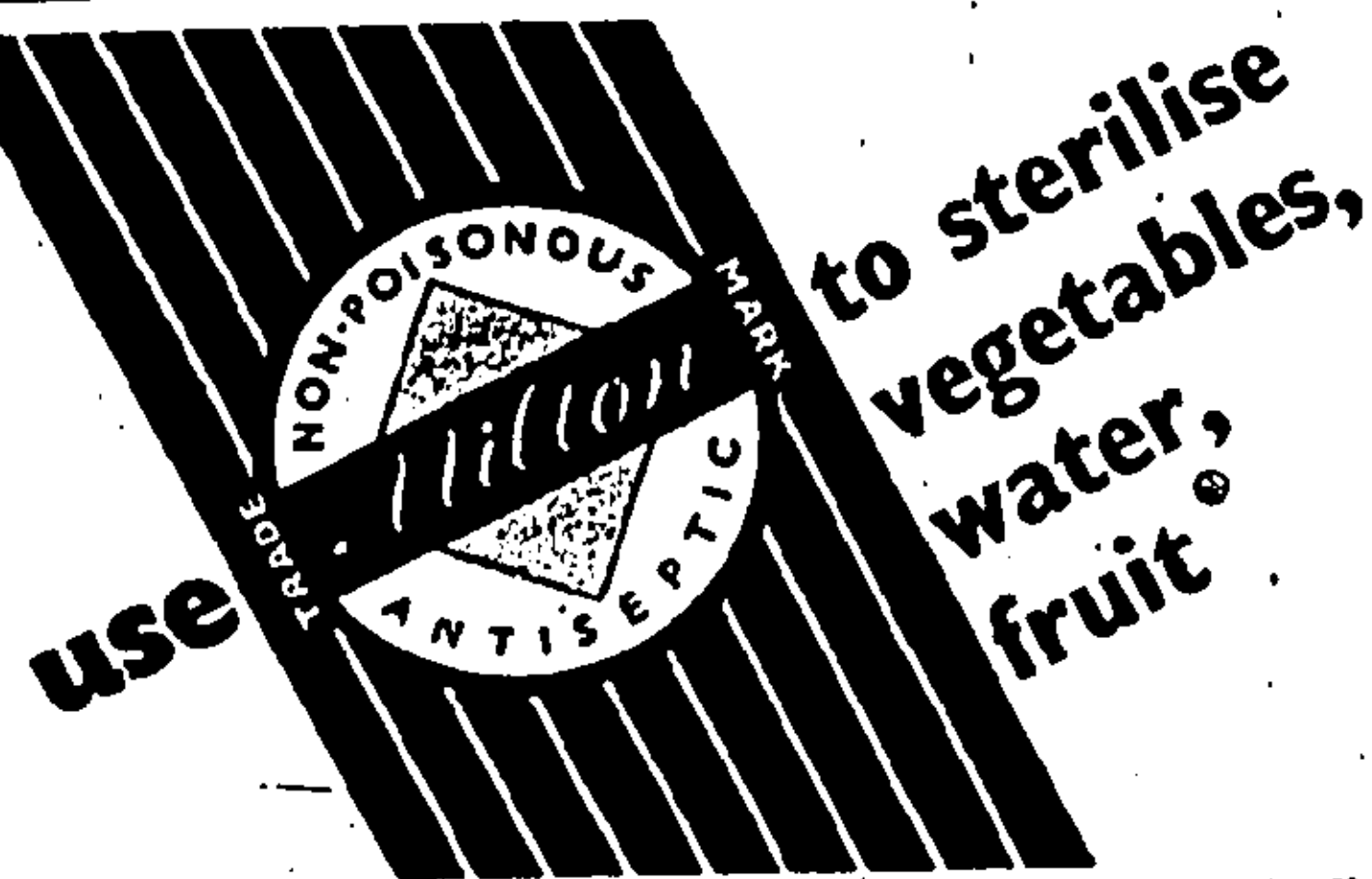


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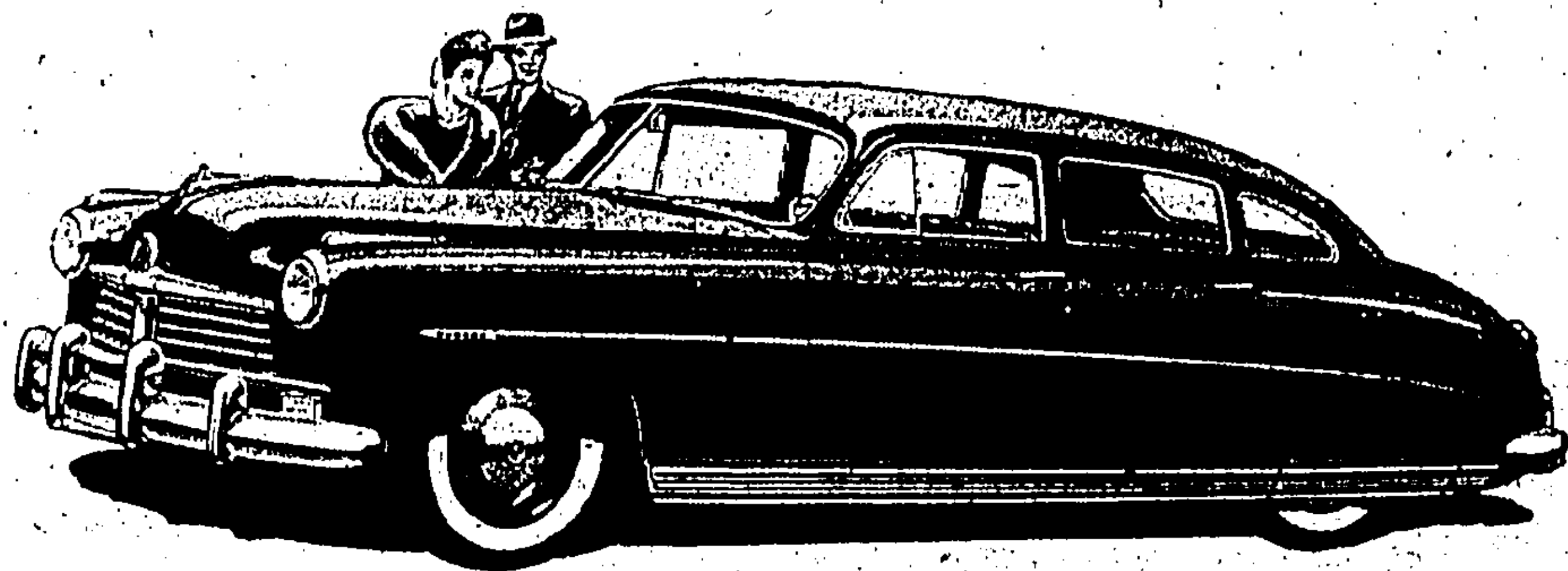
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DR. GOTTWALD SHEDS SOME CROCODILE TEARS FUNERAL OF JAN MASARYK

Prague, Mar. 13.

President Benes today made his first public appearance since the Czechoslovak Government crisis when he was present while the Communist Premier, Gottwald, said farewell on behalf of the nation to Jan Masaryk in a funeral oration.

Addressing the President and a few hundred invited "guests of honour," Premier Gottwald said that Jan Masaryk's tragic death was a bolt from the blue for him and his political friends.

"I can bear witness that from the first day of the crisis, Masaryk clearly dissociated himself from its originators," he declared. Gottwald added that Masaryk agreed fully with the new Government.

The people, who had plotted against the Republic and had suffered a smashing defeat had foolishly believed that they could count on support from Masaryk. The fact that this was not true explained "the furious rage of the domestic and foreign Munichites against him."

Gottwald repeated the charge that attacks from the West drove the sensitive Masaryk to take his own life. He ended by saying: "Masaryk has departed not only a great statesman and a great Czech but a good, a too good man."

Masaryk's body had been put into a wooden coffin, in the presence of his sister, Miss Alice Masaryk, and his cousin, Madame Lipova. There were hundreds of wreaths and flowers. A wreath from President Benes was laid at the catafalque and the coffin was covered with the national flag, with Miss Masaryk's flowers on top.

The Pantheon Hall of the Museum, draped in black and hanging with flags, was lit by six flames. Soldiers, war veterans and Sokols stood guard. Hours before the funeral was due, a huge crowd, including thousands from the provinces were taking up their stand along the route of the procession.

Mourning flags and photographs of Masaryk were being sold in enormous numbers by street vendors.

The road from Prague to the burial place at Lany was closed to traffic to allow free passage for the hearse and mourning coaches.

The Funeral

Butchers with brightly burnished choppers, miners in uniform with lighted lamps and widows from the massacred village of Lidice walked through the sunlit streets of Prague with the motor-drawn gun carriage carrying the remains of Dr. Masaryk.

The colourful procession took an hour and a half to pass. There were peasants from all parts of Czechoslovakia in rich embroidered costumes. There were Legionaries of the war of 1914-1918 in old-fashioned uniforms of all the armies in which they served. There were veterans of the last war, mainly in British battle dress and American and Russian uniforms.

Police Plane

A police plane circled slowly overhead the whole time.

The gun carriage, bearing the coffin, draped in the Czechoslovak flag, was followed by Jan Masaryk's sister, Dr. Alice Masarykova, with her two nieces in deep mourning.

As the procession passed, the vast crowds wept. The family vault of the dead man's father, Thomas Masaryk, founder of Czechoslovakia, in the village cemetery of Masaryk's Lany had been opened and enlarged so that the body of Jan Masaryk might lie beside his father and mother in the shade of the great lime trees.—Reuter.

TAX THE RICH LEVY

Shanghai, Mar. 13.
Mr. O. K. Yui, Finance Minister, has arrived here to direct collection of the "Tax the Rich" levy in Shanghai.

Mr. Yui was especially selected by the Executive Yuan to supervise the introduction of the tax here following receipt of requests from the local Relief Fund Raising Committee that high Government officials should participate in the Shanghai campaign.

It is understood that the Government will also urge wealthy Overseas Chinese to make voluntary contributions to the Fund, which will be used for relief work in the war devastated areas.—Reuter.

MAYOR AU ON SHAMEEN

Canton, Mar. 13.

The Shamene Incident of January 16, in which British property suffered heavy damage, comes under the category of foreign affairs and should, therefore, be settled by the Chinese Foreign Office and the British Embassy in Nanking, said Mr. Au-yun Chiu, Mayor of Canton, at a press conference.

The Mayor stated that the visit paid him by Mr. Ronald Hall, British Consul-General here, on Friday had no connection with the Shamene rioting.—Reuter.

They Slept Through Air Attack

Shanghai, Mar. 13:

Forty-two passengers—including 10 children—slept through Tuesday's attack on a Chennault airliner over the Gulf of Chihli.

"They never did know what had happened," said Captain Robert Buol, of Stockton, Calif., pilot of the transport.

The pilot grinned and said he "felt the way one would expect" when two P-39 fighter planes bearing the Red Star insignia opened fire.

But he did not believe the planes—presumably from Soviet occupied Dairen or Port Arthur—intended to hit the passenger plane.

Buol said the CAT plane had not gone over Dairen or Port Arthur and never had in its Tientsin to Mukden evacuation flights. The nearest it got to either of those points was 60 miles.

He said that 30 minutes after the plane was attacked, American Marines at Tientsin put two "Corsair" fighters into the air but these only travelled 20 miles out to make certain local security was not violated.—Associated Press.

French Prices Dropping

Paris, Mar. 12.

Food prices in France began to decline today, apparently indicating that Premier Robert Schuman is making progress in his economic battle with the Communists.

Last month, the Communist-dominated Central Confederation of Labour (CGT) gave the Government until next Monday to lower food prices 10 per cent or face a demand for instant wage increase. Other labour organisations set March 21 as the deadline.

Two days ago "Le Peuple," organ of the CGT, said the Confederation had misunderstood. The CGT really meant to give the Government until March 31, the publication said.

A Cabinet Minister told a reporter in February that the fight to roll back prices was the Government's "second battle with the Communists." He admitted the Government might not be able to ward off another Communist-led onslaught of strikes similar to the ones last November and December.

Yvon Coude du Foresto, Under-Secretary of Agriculture, is the spearhead of the Government's drive for lower food prices. Coude du Foresto set up 108 "yardstick" butcher shops in Paris and today announced that they had forced down meat prices in a week by 30 to 60 francs according to the cut.

This week Italian lemons, oranges and figs, Belgian endives, Dutch cabbage, and Swiss and Dutch cheese were dumped on the Paris markets at prices ranging from five to 35 francs a pound less than the French products. Almost immediately the price of the French products began declining.

Coude du Foresto announced that 2,000,000 cheap Moroccan eggs were en route. An agreement for the purchase of 100,000 tons of Brazilian sugar reportedly was about to be signed.

A spokesman for the Finance Ministry said: "A general decline of food prices has gotten underway. It will increase as spring advances and more vegetables become available."—Associated Press.

Teheran, Mar. 12.

Many Persians, Armenians and Assyrians assisted at a solemn mass celebrated in Consolata Church, Teheran, today by Monsignor Papalizio, the Vatican Charge d'Affaires to Persia, on the ninth anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XII.—Reuter.

May Prove The World Isn't Round

By PETER KALISCHER

United Press Staff Correspondent

Tokyo, Mar. 13.

American and Japanese scientists will leave for a small island off Hokkaido on Monday to observe the May 9 total eclipse of the sun by which they hope to prove the world is not round.

Brigadier General H. B. Loper, of the Allied Headquarters Engineering Office, said the expedition (one of five in the Far East) would make observations to shed more light on the shape and true dimensions of the earth.

He explained it was generally agreed for several centuries that the earth was round but the term was recognized as relative only. "For geodetic and mapping purposes and navigation the assumption that the earth is a true spheroid is unsatisfactory," he said.

Loper said application of the eclipse phenomenon to this problem was first suggested by a Dr. Berndorf of Finland in 1944. In 1945, observations by Sweden and Finland produced promising results.

The expedition was hailed by S.C.A.P. officials as Japan's "most important single activity" in the scientific field since the end of the war.

Loper said Dr. John O'Keefe will represent the National Geographic Society on the island of Rebun, the destination of the expedition. Other expeditions will be those to Korea headed by Dr. Van Biesbroeck of Yerkes Ob-

servatory, to China headed by the Rev. Francis J. Heyden of Georgetown University, and Dr. L. V. Chang of Yerkes Observatory; to Siam headed by C. H. Smiley and Professor C. W. Miller, both of Brown University; and to Burma headed by M. E. Halbach of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society.

The Rebun and other parties, Loper explained, will consist of radio and camera technicians, survey staff and camp security and household staff needed to maintain the expedition for two months in the field.

The Path

The path of the annular phase of the eclipse begins at sunrise over the Indian Ocean 350 miles off the south tip of India across Bangkok, Siam, French Indo-China and Southeastern China, leaving the coast 62 miles north of Shanghai.

It continues across the Yellow Sea, across Korea south of Seoul and traverses the Sea of Japan. It enters the Sea of Okhotsk north of Hokkaido, entering the Pacific at the south of Kamchatka. Then it passes the outermost Aleutians and ends in earnest 500 miles off the coast of the State of Washington.—United Press.

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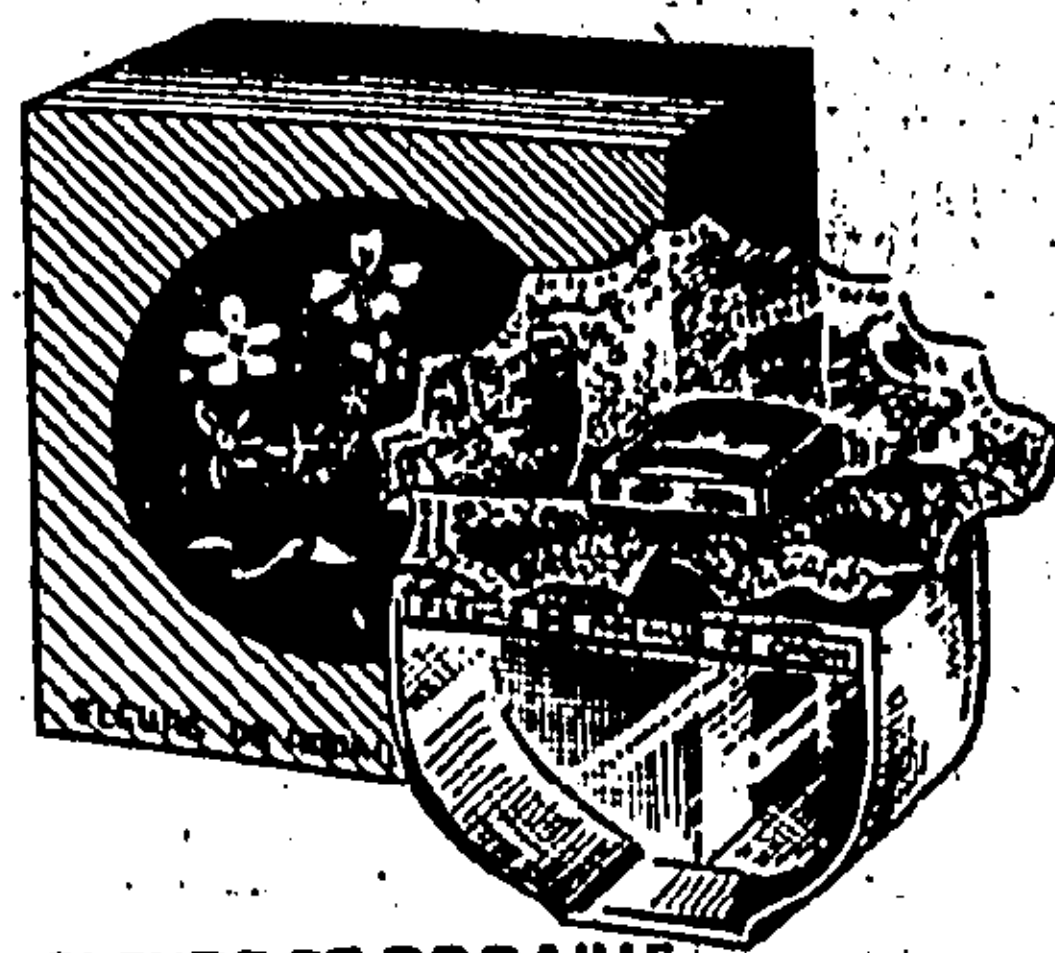
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SHANGHAI SHOWERED WITH OPIUM FROM CHINA

Ingenious Methods Of Smugglers

Shanghai, Mar. 14. China's three largest opium producing areas are still showering finished products in Shanghai where the drug is sold for its weight in gold. In this cosmopolitan city itself, a big international smuggling ring is believed to be operating for the United States and other markets. "Showering" is the right word for the cargo, since the bulk of the narcotics come in by plane.

Despite the vigorous Government campaign against poppy growing—the offence is punishable by death—opium is still grown and prepared in remote regions where the Government's authority fails to reach thoroughly.

The three major producing areas are an area in Western Yunnan; parts of Jehol province; and West China, including western sections of Szechuen and the province of Sikang, partly ruled by Lolo tribesmen.

In addition, Government sources accuse the Chinese Communists of growing poppy crops in Red-held regions as one of the major sources of revenue. The sources said that the bulk of opium output into Nationalist areas to raise cash with which to purchase gold and United States currency in buying war supplies.

The Central Government in Nanking and provincial authorities were known to have made repeated efforts to wipe out poppy fields but most of such attempts were blocked by local tribal or underworld influences.

A police force in one Yunnan county which was sent to the outskirts to uproot all poppy crops, "was virtually wiped out" by armed gangs protecting the fields. Similar incidents were reported in other areas.

Searches

Failing thoroughly to prohibit crop growing, opium suppression agencies, in conjunction with the local police, are tightening up smuggling channels. Airlines leaving West and North China fields are vigilantly watched and in Kunming searches are so thorough that even canned food is opened on suspicion that the tins contain other than what the labels say. Police women often order women travellers into closets for body searches.

Nevertheless, opium is still arriving in Shanghai for local consumption and international and domestic distribution.

During the past two years, hundreds of pounds were seized, but unknown quantities reached distributors. Several cases in which airline employees were involved had been discovered. In one case, opium was found hidden in the fuselage and a mechanic was caught retrieving the drug shortly after the plane landed and passengers had disembarked.

In another case, a plane-load of electric fan "motors" contained opium in casings where wire should have been placed.

In Girl's Hair

The police recently arrested a fashionable girl who hid opium in her hair using a black paper parcel as a "rat"—a lock of hair used for stuffing curls. She confessed that she was merely a courier and led the police to a hotel room where they nabbed a couple of Chinese Army AWOLs who brought the drug from Jehol by steamer from Peiping.

Opium suppression agents are working in close cooperation with agents of the United States Treasury Department and are still vigorously investigating into the extent of dope smuggling rings with international connections. Squads of police dogs often surprise outgoing steamers, sniffing for possible caches.

So far, no large caches have been found. Meanwhile, Chinese courts are sending scores of addicts to jail every week in Shanghai for terms ranging from six months to two or more years. While serving their sentences they are required to undergo cure treatments and warned that if they are caught again they will be sentenced to death. All registered smokers are given a time limit to effect a

'Rikmobile' In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 13. Hong Kong's motorized pedicab, the "Rikmobile," made its way up the coast and was given a trial run in Shanghai today by the civic authorities, who called it a "Pedijep."

Private manufacturers displayed an experimental model before City Government officials and announced later that they intend to step up the production to supply eventually all hire services and aid the Municipal authorities in a gradual elimination of the unpowered rickshaws and pedicabs.—United Press.

Tanker Crew Rescued

Port Said, Mar. 13. The crew of the blazing Italian tanker "Olterra" were rescued from death by burning and from sharks in the Suez Canal today by local tug-boats.

It was understood here tonight that there were several deaths—including the "Olterra's" chief officer—when the vessel collided with another Italian ship, the "Gaeta," at the Port Suez entrance of the canal today.

The "Olterra," which was carrying a cargo of crude oil and caught fire after the collision, was towed clear of Port Suez, which has been closed until further notice.

There is still the danger of an explosion.—Reuter.

cure either in public clinics or private hospitals.

It is believed that not all smokers so far have registered with the police.—United Press.

AUSTRIA WILL NOT GO THE SAME WAY

Vienna, Mar. 13.

Austria will not go the way of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Leopold Figl, the Austrian Federal Chancellor, declared in a strong speech here today. The events in that country had been a solemn warning, he said, but the Communists were a "dwarf" party in Austria, not represented in the Government or on the Executive and, during the past week, the trade unions had proved that they could keep their heads.

Dr. Figl said the Austrian Government was constantly mediating with reproaches from a certain side for having taken part in the Marshall Plan and selling herself to the West.

"Austria is like a child torn between parents in a divorce," he declared. On one side, Austria is beaten and on the other it is offered refuge. "Who can wonder that we seek refuge?"

The Chancellor added that Austrians were frightened by the size of the sacrifices and the proposals by General Cherif (the

Need Recognised

Both the major democratic parties in the coalition had recognized the need, he said, to set aside personal differences to achieve a treaty with independence.

The Communists in Austria were incomparably weaker (five per cent) than in Czechoslovakia and were led far less efficiently.

Dr. Figl added that although the Western allies had helped Austria with considerable quantities of food, there existed in the Soviet Zone of Austria thousands of acres of fertile land from which the Austrian people did not obtain one single kilo of grain.—Reuter.

Argentina's Pound Of Flesh

Washington, Mar. 13. A special House Foreign Aid Committee today accused Argentina of "charging needy European nations" exorbitant prices for grain. The Committee demanded a firm United States trade policy toward Argentina.

The Committee used harsh words in discussing Argentina's attitude on international cooperation to relieve suffering in war-torn Europe.

"The Argentine Government prides itself on its capacity for hard bargaining. It has repeatedly indicated its lack of interest in sharing in the task of working out a solution to Europe's economic problems."

The Committee said the high prices paid Argentina have been "a major drain upon European resources" and added a reasonable alignment of Argentine prices with those which the American farmer receives for his grain could save Europeans about \$250,000,000 annually.—United Press.

Czech Delegate Dismissed

Lake Success, Mar. 13. M. Jan Papanek, the permanent Czechoslovak representative to the United Nations, who early this week protested to the Secretary-General over the assumption of power by the Communists in Prague, has been dismissed by his Government.

A cable from Prague received at Lake Success withdrew M. Papanek's credentials. The dismissal followed his formal charge that Russia had used threats of force to overthrow the Czech Government on February 20 which he asked the Security Council to investigate.

Prague acted within 24 hours of the Chilean decision to sponsor M. Papanek's accusations against Russia in a formal complaint to the Security Council, which is to consider the matter on Wednesday.

He told Reuters: "I shall just ignore it, adding: 'I do not recognize the legality of the present so-called representatives of Czechoslovakia. I shall continue to fight for my country's freedom.'"

The dismissal was transmitted through M. Joseph Hane-Kang, the Czech Charge d'Affaires at Washington. In a telegram to Dr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.—Reuter.

Four New Knights Of The Garter

London, Mar. 12. King George VI has conferred knighthoods in the Order of the Garter, which dates back to the late Middle Ages, on the Duke of Portland, the Earl of Scarbrough, Baron Cranworth and Baron Harlech, it was announced today.

The Earl of Scarbrough, a former Conservative Member of Parliament, as Governor of Bombay from 1937 to 1948, and served as Parliamentary Secretary for India and Burma in 1945.

Lord Harlech is a former High Commissioner in South Africa—1941 to 1944—and a director of the Standard Bank of South Africa.

Baron Cranworth, who went to Kenya in his youth for sport, has written books on conditions in East Africa. His interest in farming and food production brought him seats on various Government committees.

The Duke of Portland is a former Conservative Member of Parliament.—Reuter.

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Pacific Coast	8th April	m.v. "MINDORO"
	Early April	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
From	Date	Vessel
Manila Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	20th March	s.s. "ESCALANTE"
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BRITAIN HOPES TO EXPORT MORE CLOTHING

Entire Village Kidnapped

Athens, Mar. 13. Press reports today said 50 guerrillas kidnapped the entire population of the small village of Yermanos, in the Corinth sector. Greek Army troops entering a few hours later found tables set for uncut meals in many homes.

The guerrillas were retreating after a looting expedition into the Kalamaki area when they raided the village and made off with the population.

Other newspaper accounts said 150 guerrillas were repulsed last night when they attacked Itea, on the Corinth Gulf.

Kastoria dispatches said troops pushed 800 guerrillas back into the Mourio mountains after a sharp skirmish near the village of Yermanos. It was reported the guerrillas were on their way to the village to take a census of children in connection with their plan to transfer them to the northern countries. The guerrillas reportedly suffered heavy losses.

Two guerrillas were executed at Kastoria today.

In Athens, the police arrested 13 alleged Communists, including Manolis Glezos, former editor of the Communist newspaper "Rizospastis." They were nabbed while sailing in a small boat near Athens.

The police released George Karandras, editor of a Socialist weekly, and John Ellipoulos, director of a printing plant for lack of evidence.—United Press.

Revolt In Costa Rica

San Jose, Mar. 13. The fighting revolt in southern Costa Rica spread to the important interior town of San Ramon, where the rebels killed one Loyalist soldier, wounded several others, and captured at least two government sources, announced today.

Five government soldiers were reported to have been wounded yesterday in the opening skirmish of the revolt. There was no report on the rebel casualties.

Heavy government reinforcements rushed to San Ramon and the village of Villa Mills and San Isidro Del General, where supporters rejected the Conservative President, Otilio Ulate, and began a rebellion yesterday.

San Jose was quiet but tense as the government took full control. Barricades were manned by heavily-armed troops and highways leading out of the city were closed.

Opposition newspapers and radio stations were shut down. Ulate opposed the former President Rafael Calderon Guardia in elections and the electoral tribunal found that he was proclaiming himself President; the government majority of the Congress declared the election void.—United Press.

Colonels Gave Him Carbines

Rangoon, Mar. 13. U Saw, the former Premier now under sentence of death for his share in the Burmese Cabinet assassinations last July, told a Burmese Court trying Major C. H. Young, a former British Army officer, on charges of violating the Arms Act, that the Burmese Government should "persecute people because they happen to be my friends."

U Saw emphatically denied buying three American-made carbines from Major Young. He said one carbine was presented to him by U Tin Tun, the present Burmese Foreign Minister, and the other two were given him by British colonials who had since left Burma.—Reuter.

RAF Told To Keep On Its Toes

Manchester, Mar. 13. Mr. Harphl Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, told a meeting of Lancashire cotton trade organisations today that Britain's export programme provided for a clothing and textile export rate of £39 million monthly by the end of 1948.

This compared with £28 million monthly for machinery, £20 million for coal and £9 million for electrical goods and apparatus.

"Textiles and clothing are right at the very spearhead of the drive both in totals and because they represent one of the few areas where we can get a real increase in our exports to the hard currency areas, particularly to Canada," Mr. Wilson declared.

Mr. Wilson said that the cotton export target had been advanced from a monthly rate of £9,100,000 to £10,100,000 a month by the end of 1948.

Efforts were being made to break the bottlenecks in the production of textile machinery and special attention was being paid to the removal of obstacles to production resulting from shortages of accessories vital to an efficient textile production by the Board of Trade, Mr. Wilson added.

20 Per Cent Increase

The present textile export envisaged a maximum monthly rate of £3,800,000 by the end of 1948, of which £1,350,000 would be for home users.

This was a 20 per cent increase over the immediate past.

The quantity for the home market, Mr. Wilson stated, would be protected from any short fall in total production.—Reuter.

INDIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

New Delhi, Mar. 13. India will make available to Pakistan 12 bales of cloth and yarn against every 20 bales of cotton received, said the Ministry and Supply Ministry in New Delhi today.

The communiqué explained that the details of the agreement reached between India and Pakistan became effective immediately for the period ending August 31.

Customs duties are leviable on both sides, said the communiqué.

The India Government has also agreed to make an ad hoc allotment of 25,000 bales of cloth against cotton already received from Pakistan, the communiqué added.—Associated Press.

London Money Market Weekly Review

London, Mar. 13. There was a pronounced shortage of credit at the commencement of the week, brought about by a substantial stream of funds into the Exchequer, arising from payment for Treasury deposit receipts.

Rise In Grain Prices

Chicago, Mar. 13. The Government's re-entry into the wheat market was believed responsible today for a substantial rise in all grain prices.

Wheat jumped from 4 1/4 quarters to 5 1/4 cents a bushel over yesterday's closing. Soybeans went up the legal limit of 8 cents a bushel, and corn followed with a 7 1/2 cents increase. The action followed an announcement that the Government would begin buying about 1,000,000 bushels of wheat a day for export.

The Production Marketing Administration told grain traders that purchases would be suspended immediately if the Government's action would begin pushing prices out of line.

Action on the New York Stock Exchange was light but prices edged higher. The favourable trade was laid to the Senate's favourable action on the European Recovery Programme.—United Press.

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